

## Most Influential 2018: Meet the top 100 influencers in Orange County

Orange County is loaded with influencers, from people who are determined to end homelessness to billionaire philanthropists and perhaps the best two-way baseball player since Babe Ruth. The Orange County Register again has selected the [100 Most Influential People in Orange County](#), and some of the choices will be exactly who you'd expect. Others, however, will surprise and maybe even delight.

And, yes, we know there are many incredibly influential people who did not make the list for 2018. It's not that they suddenly lost influence or did anything wrong. We try to spotlight people who help us understand the year and we try to mix in new faces. Let's put it this way: [Mike Trout](#) has been influential every year for the Angels, but this time he did not make the list. [Shohei Ohtani](#), however, did.



69 of 96

Sue Parks is the president and CEO of Orange County United Way and was instrumental in launching the United to End Homelessness campaign. (File Photo by Nick Agro, Orange County Register/SCNG)



### Sue Parks

The president and CEO of United Way Orange County [led the charge for the United to End Homelessness effort](#), including securing the support and time of leaders from the business world, community groups and faith organizations. She spearheaded the effort less than a year after she was selected for her United Way position.